

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : The work was increasing gradually.

MR K R ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether the copyist has been appointed from 1st Makaram?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : A point of order has been raised. Can discussion go on without deciding it.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Mr. Asan has raised a point of order and it is perfectly right for the Chair to call upon the member to give his explanation. He has given his explanation and in the course of that some non-official members wanted to put questions and they were answered.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : I would like to know whether the copyist has been appointed from 1st of Makaram.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : Not so far as I am aware.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Then, how is this amount of Rs. 75 going to be expended?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : He is to be appointed from 1st Kumbham 1110 and is to be paid for five months in this year. The salary for Karkatakam will be paid next year.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : The member has said that the salary for Karkatakam was to be paid in Chingom. Till Mithunam we have to pay Rs. 75—

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The member is raising inferences. Does he want any information?

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Yes.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : What is the information that he wants?

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : My question is whether in case he has not been appointed from the 1st Makaram it is legitimate for us to sanction an amount for a period for which he has not been appointed?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The question is disallowed.

As regards the point of order raised by Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan, my ruling is that the discussion is in order.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : May I know from the member whether it is a part of the general policy of Government to extend the local jurisdiction of Village Panchayat Courts?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : There is nobody in possession of the House.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : I am putting the question to the official member.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The official member has sat down.

The demand was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND XV—MEDICAL.

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*) : Sir, I rise to ask for a supplementary grant of Rs. 15,000 for improvements to the General

Hospital. I hope the House would appreciate the amount of work that is carried on during the year to make the present demand necessary. We are dealing on an average with 400 patients with 191 beds. This amount is required for two more wards and an operation theatre. There is a provision of Rs. 350 for the engagement of two nurses and two warders to take effect from 1-7-1110.

Also a provision is made for the creation of a new office for General Medical Stores. The total estimate is for Rs. 15,000 I move the House to grant my demand.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether this difficulty could not lie over?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): The situation says 'No'.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know the reason why it could not lie over?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): The daily average number of in-patients is—

Chingam	...	266
Kanni	...	315
Thulam	...	301
Vrischikam	...	346
Dhanu	...	346

and the number of in-patients on 4-6-1110 is 398 and on 5-6-1110 is 404.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the number?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The member has sat down.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Thiruvalla I*): ഞാൻ ഈ ധനാഭ്യർത്ഥനയെ എടുക്കുന്നു. ആശുപത്രികളും രോഗികളും ഈ തിരുവനന്തപുരം പട്ടണത്തിൽ മാത്രമല്ല ഉള്ളത്. ഈ സംസ്ഥാനത്തിൽ അനേകം ആശുപത്രികളുണ്ട്. ആശുപത്രികൾവേണമെന്നു ശക്തിയായി ഗവണ്മെന്റിനോടു് അപേക്ഷിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്ന സ്ഥലങ്ങളും ധാരാളമുണ്ട്. (*Hear, hear*) തിരുവനന്തപുരം ജനറൽ ആശുപത്രി അടുത്തകാലത്തു ഞാൻ പോയി നോക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഇവിടെ പല സൗകര്യങ്ങളുംഉണ്ട്. ഉൾനാടുകളിലുള്ള ആശുപത്രികളിൽ പല സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലും രോഗികളിൽ ൧൦൦-ന് ഒന്നുപോലും കിടക്കാൻ സ്ഥലമാകട്ടെ, കിടക്കയാകട്ടെ, മറ്റു സൗകര്യങ്ങളാകട്ടെ യാതൊന്നുമില്ല എന്ന് ഈ സഭയ്ക്കുവേണ്ട പ്രത്യേകം എടുത്തുപറയേണ്ട ആവശ്യമില്ല. തിരുവനന്തപുരം നഗരത്തിൽ താമസിക്കുന്നവർ മാത്രമല്ല മഹാരാജാവതിരുമനസ്സിനെ പ്രജകൾ. അന്യതാലുക്കിലുള്ളവർക്കു തിരുവനന്തപുരം ജനറൽ ആശുപത്രിയിൽവന്നു ചികിത്സിക്കു എന്നുള്ളതും എല്ലാവർക്കും സാധ്യമല്ല. എന്റെ സ്വന്തം സ്ഥലമായ തിരുവല്ലാതാലൂക്കിൽ പലസ്ഥലത്തു് ആ

[Mr. N. E. Varughese.]

ശുപത്രികുപേക്ഷയുള്ളതായി എനിക്കറിയാം. ഉള്ള ആശുപത്രികൾ നടത്തുന്നതുതന്നെ വളരെ മോശമായ രീതിയിലാണ്. എനിക്കു നല്ല വണ്ണം അറിയാവുന്ന മല്ലപ്പള്ളി ആശുപത്രികെട്ടിടത്തിലെ ഓലകെട്ടുന്ന തുതന്നെ കർക്കശമാസത്തിലാണ്. ഒരു പ്രാവശ്യം ഞാൻ ആശുപത്രിയിൽ ചെന്നപ്പോൾ അതിനകത്തു കടവിടിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു നില്ക്കേണ്ടിവന്നു എന്നുള്ള പരമാർത്ഥം ഈ അവസരത്തിൽ പ്രസ്താവിച്ചുകൊള്ളട്ടെ. ഇതിനുംപുറമെ മരുന്നവേണമെങ്കിൽ ഡാക്ടറുടെ തുണ്ടുംവാങ്ങിക്കൊണ്ടു ൧൦ മൈൽ അകലെയുള്ള ചങ്ങനാശ്ശേരിയിൽചെന്നു വിചകൊടുത്തുവാങ്ങിക്കണം. ഈ ആശുപത്രിയ്ക്കു ജനങ്ങൾതന്നെ കെട്ടിടംകെട്ടി സ്ഥലവും കെട്ടിടവും ഗവണ്മെന്റിനെ ഏല്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതുമാണ്.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Sir, I rise to a point of order. We have to consider here whether this provision is necessary for improvements in the General Hospital.

(Mr. Elenkath was standing when the Deputy President stood up.)

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: When I am on my legs, I expect every member to be in his seat including Mr. Elenkath.

This is a demand for funds being granted for improvements to the General Hospital, to one hospital in the State. The case of other hospitals being mentioned in passing is relevant in deciding the availability of funds for this purpose. Mr. Varughese has only referred to the hospital in his constituency and to that extent he is relevant.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): ഇതിനുംപുറമെ ഈ ൧൦,൦൦൦ രൂപ അനുവദിക്കേണ്ടത് അത്യാവശ്യമായ സംഗതിയാണെന്ന് ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥമെമ്പരുടെ പ്രസംഗത്തിൽനിന്നും ബോധ്യമാകുന്നമില്ല. രാജ്യത്തെ തല്ക്കാലസ്ഥിതിയും മറ്റു ആശുപത്രികളുടെ ഇതിൽപരമായ ആവശ്യങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റി ഗൗനിക്കാതെ ഇരിക്കുന്ന സംഗതിയും വിചാരിക്കുമ്പോൾ ജനറൽ ആശുപത്രിയ്ക്ക് ഈ തുക കിട്ടിയില്ലെങ്കിലും തിരുവനന്തപുരം നിവാസികൾക്കു കഴിഞ്ഞുകൂടാൻ യാതൊരു വിഷമവുമില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ട് ഈ തുക ഇപ്പോൾ അനുവദിക്കാൻ പാടില്ലെന്നാണ് എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Sir, I rise to support the demand. I think the question whether a provision that is urgent, nay, emergent, in a particular locality can never be taken up seriously if we take it that all local needs should be satisfied before this particular question is taken up. This attitude has been taken by some with regard to the provision of funds not only in the Medical Department but

with regard to a variety of amenities for towns which are enjoyed not merely by the dwellers of the town. So long as it is admitted we have to progress in civilisation as we understand it at present, we have to take it that towns are a necessity and capitals are a necessity and therefore much more provision for towns should be made than for local centres.

The only question I wish to consider is whether the grant asked for is emergent. I had been to the General Hospital yesterday, Sir, and day before yesterday and I invite Honourable members of this House to have a look at the condition at the General Hospital. I saw rows of patients lying on the verandah. Even the most unattended local hospital will not present such a sickening spectacle as you find in the General Hospital. I had been to the Ophthalmic Ward one day and I could not remain there for one minute. It was so sickening. If Mr. Varughese had really gone to the hospital with the intention of understanding the actual state of affairs there, I do not think any man with a heart can say that this amount is not emergent; and this expenditure, it goes without saying, could not have been anticipated. It is one of the most regular demands that ought to be brought under supplementary grants and it is such demands that the House should pass without the least objection. I support it with all the emphasis I can command.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) Sir, I oppose the motion. I fully sympathise with the Darbar Physician as well as with other members of the House who have borne testimony to the sorrowful spectacle of the state of the patients of the General Hospital who are lying in the verandah in the absence of proper beds and accommodation. It is true. I myself have witnessed it and I feel pity for them. But the remedy for this does not lie here. If the existing condition of the congestion in the General Hospital is to be removed, it should be by constructing additional buildings. This construction of new buildings could well be avoided. Sir, the reasons for the migration of patients from the mofussil places to the city are mainly two. The first is due to the indifference of the head of the Medical Department as well as the Government's policy not to give dispensaries to mofussil places when the people in those places make a demand for it, even though the Government realise the difficulties on the part of those people who incessantly make the demand. The second reason is due to the indifference—I cannot say what it is otherwise—on the part of the medical authorities in the matter of supplying medicine in time to the dispensaries in the mofussil parts. I myself have brought to the notice of the Darbar Physician once that in the District Dispensary at Vamanapuram there is serious shortage of medicine and that patients are undergoing serious difficulties.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Is it not due to expert surgeons and physicians being in the General Hospital that people from mofussil places come here?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I shall come to that point also. Sir, in order to look to the convenience of the Heads of Departments and other rich people who are enjoying the city life in Trivandrum, the

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expert medical officers are permanently retained in the General Hospital as well as in the Women and Children's Hospital in the city. These experts have also to be sent to the mofussil.

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): Is it possible to send up the radiologist to the Vamanapuram dispensary?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): That is what I submit, Sir. (*Laughter*).

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know from the member whether he is aware that there is a very expert radiologist in the Neyyoor Hospital?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I am aware.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Does the member take it that the radiologist could be transferred without any difficulty?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): It is not a surprise to me, Sir. As my friend suggested, there is no difficulty in exporting or transporting this radio apparatus to the other parts of the country. The medical officer can transport that apparatus through motor lorries for the use of those patients in mofussil parts.

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): How can we get electric current there?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): For that, I think, the Darbar Physician will have to apply through the Electric Department for the working of the machinery. Else the machinery could be worked by oil and petrol. Electricity is not indispensable in working up the machinery. It is necessary therefore that in mofussil places for the convenience of the poor suffering people proper medical officers should be deputed and above all medicines should be sent to those dispensaries as well as hospitals to be given to the patients who attend such dispensaries and hospitals.

As to the working of the department, I can say, and I know personally, that the Medical Department is not supplying medicines to the dispensaries as well as hospitals in mofussil parts. I know instances in which a popular and efficient medical officer had to prepare *Kashayams*.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The member is travelling far beyond.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Because medicines were not supplied in time, the medical officer, in order to save the life of ever so many poor and helpless patients attending the dispensary at Vamanapuram, had to prepare *Kashayams* for supplying to the patients who were under his treatment because he knew something of Ayurveda treatment also, along with his knowledge of allopathy.

There is another point also. In my own taluk there was one dispensary at Vithura and there was a full-time medical officer in that dispensary. That full-time system in the dispensary was abolished and

one medical officer is now asked to attend to two dispensaries, namely, one at Palode and the other at Vithura, the distance between these two being about 18 miles. An additional salary or something as compensation or allowance amounting to Rs. 30 is given to that Palode medical officer for the purpose. If Rs. 20 also is allotted and spent by Government or by the department, I am sure that a separate medical officer could be appointed at Vithura and the Vithura dispensary made more useful. This the department is not doing.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (Ambalapuzha II): സർ, ഞാൻ ഈ ഡിമാൻറിനെ എത്രക്കുകയാണ് ചെയ്യുന്നത്. ഇതോടുകൂടി എനിക്ക് ഒരു സംഗതിയാണ് ഈ സഭയുടെ മുന്മാകെ കൊണ്ടുവരാനുള്ളത്. അതായത് ആലപ്പുഴ പട്ടണത്തെപ്പോലെ പ്രാധാന്യമേറിയ ഒരു പട്ടണം തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ ഇല്ലെന്നുള്ളത് ഇവിടെ പ്രത്യേകമായി പറയേണ്ട ആവശ്യമില്ല. സ്രീകരംകുന്ന് കത്തോളിക്കരയായി ഒരു അശുപത്രി ആലപ്പുഴ സ്ഥാപിക്കണമെന്ന വളരെകാലംമുമ്പ് ഗവണ്മെന്റിനോട് അഭ്യർത്ഥിക്കുകയും ഈ സഭയിൽ വാദിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്. ആലപ്പുഴ റെയിൽ ൧൦, ൦൦൦-ൽ അധികം ജനങ്ങൾ താമസിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. സ്രീകളിൽ അധികവും ഫോഷാസ്രീകളുമാണ്. ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ള ഒരു സ്ഥലത്ത് സ്രീകരംകുന്ന് പ്രത്യേകമായ ഒരു അശുപത്രി വേണമെന്നുള്ളത് ഏറ്റവും ന്യായമായ ഒരു സംഗതിയാകുന്നു.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I cannot allow elaborate discussion on local needs.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (Ambalapuzha II): ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ള കാര്യങ്ങൾ കൂടി നിർവഹിക്കാതെ തലസ്ഥാനമാണെങ്കിലും തിരുവനന്തപുരം പട്ടണത്തിൽ മാത്രം കൂടുതൽ ചിലവാക്കണമെന്നുള്ള അപേക്ഷയെ അനുകൂലിക്കാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല. ഉൾപ്രദേശങ്ങളിൽ വേണ്ട കാര്യങ്ങളിൽ കൂടി കൂടുതൽ പണം ചിലവാക്കേണ്ടതാണ്.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (Kalkulam I): Sir, I support the motion; and in doing so, I would urge on the members of the House to observe that in spirit there was no opposition to the demand. All those who opposed the motion did see eye to eye with the Darbar Physician or the supporters of the demand that there was necessity for this money being spent for the improvement of the General Hospital. Their only complaint was that in mofussil parts to which they belonged the interest of the people whom they represented had not been cared for. Sir, it would be wrong in spirit to oppose the grant for the improvement of any institution belonging to a particular place for the mere reason that the Government have not been able to supply all the demands of another locality.

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Now, Sir, the figures that have been supplied to us by the Darbar Physician show that from month to month there has been recently steady increase in the number of in-patients in the General Hospital. That testifies to the general popularity which the General Hospital has been recently enjoying.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Is the member aware that very many patients huddle up together in the General Hospital for the reason that there are very few dispensaries in convenient mofussil places and because of shortage of medicine in those places?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You need not answer that question, Mr. Elenkath.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kolkulam I*): My only point in supporting the motion is that this is an urgent need which every one in this House feels and against which none has spoken a word; and unless we are convinced that this might wait till the budget session next year, I cannot but support the motion.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Sir, I wish to make a few observations upon this demand. In itself, there cannot be any doubt that the demand is reasonable; but the question is whether it is just. That is to say, in view of the demands for medical assistance in various parts of the State, is the Government justified in turning a deaf ear to such demands and concentrating attention in directions particularly attractive to the Darbar Physician?

Turning to the interpellations sent in to be answered in this session of the Assembly, I see that three of the members hailing from the north, viz., Messrs Krishna Menon, Alexander and Mahomed, have pressed forcibly the need for hospitals and medical assistance at Edappalli, Alwaye and other places. Mr. S. J. Nair is very vehement on the need for medical assistance in his own taluk. In fact, at each sitting of the Assembly we have been listening to this cry from various parts of the State. Mr. Varughese has been urging the need for improving the hospital in his constituency. In view of such persistent demand for medical assistance in various parts of the State, no matter what the Darbar Physician does, that the Government should continue unresponsive to such demands is sufficient justification to disallow what is claimed for the institution under the nose of the Government in the capital.

Such demands I should consider to be not just. That is the point of the attack. In itself, as I said, the demand in question is quite reasonable. A hospital of the description like the General Hospital in Trivandrum must necessarily have all up-to-date appliances, must afford sufficient accommodation to the in-patients and must be ready to meet the needs of the out-patients. No doubt about that. It is quite natural, however, that the representatives of the people may feel that an invidious distinction is being shown by the Government in the matter of medical assistance and hence opposition to the demand is in order.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Does the majority of the patients in the General Hospital come from mofussil places?

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): I do not know. I am in the dark about it. There may be very complicated cases in which patients have been admitted to the Trivandrum General Hospital.

Well, Sir, in such circumstances I do not know how to make up my mind to vote upon the motion. The Darbar Physician resides in Trivandrum and he feels the needs of the hospital here. But other people are equally alive to their requirements and if the Government would go on like this paying no attention to other parts of the State, then even the most reasonable demand will meet with a refusal whether reasonable or unreasonable. That is all I have to say.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Sir, I rise to support this demand. I concede that there is great force in the contention that the requirements of other parts of the State are not sufficiently attended to. But it is admitted on all hands that this demand is for a necessary purpose and the only objection now put forward is that similar demands from other parts of the State are not heeded. I am unable to see the force of this contention especially in view of the fact that we are a body that can only refuse a demand that is made by the Government and have no power to allot funds for any purpose on our own initiative. If we had that power, we could probably have considered the needs of all parts of the State and allotted funds for meeting those needs in the order of their urgency and importance. But that is not the position. Therefore when the Government come forward with a proposal to incur expenditure on account of medical aid which is necessary, we ought to sanction it. So I am strongly in favour of this demand. Then again the Trivandrum hospital deserves special treatment. As has been pointed out, it is not a hospital for the people of Trivandrum alone. It is practically for the whole State. It is not the permanent residents of the town alone that resort to this hospital. Students, Government servants and other people coming from all over the State on business or otherwise stay in Trivandrum and take advantage of the existence of this hospital. Further, since this is the best-equipped hospital in the State, patients from all parts of the State resort to it.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether the lives of students and officers are more valuable than the lives of poor agriculturists in mofussil places?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That question need not be answered.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): I do not think I need say anything more on this motion and I hope the House will grant the demand.

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): Well, I have to thank the non-official members for the support they have given me for this demand. The chief criticism has been that the General Hospital is being attended to to the exclusion of the mofussil. This demand I consider is a specific demand asked for an emergent purpose. The figures I have given you show that the condition is serious; and owing to the fact that 191 beds have to suffice for 400 patients, I considered the situation urgent. To send experts to mofussil places as suggested by Mr. S. J. Nair is unreasonable. I hope the members will unanimously grant this demand.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PIALLI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member the reason for the steady increase in the number of patients?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): I cannot state exactly. But the division of the surgical wards and placing each of these two wards under the charge of an expert surgeon—

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is there any hospital in the State in which the need is as keenly felt as in the General Hospital?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): I do not think.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Before I put the motion to the vote of the House, I wish to make a few observations. I shall be very brief. Some of the non-official members, while acknowledging the justice of the claims, would withhold their support because other hospitals in other parts of the State are not sufficiently well provided. Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai has made a pathetic appeal. I wish to associate with him and with others who spoke from personal knowledge in their description of the condition of the General Hospital. I want to add one more voice to that volume of testimony. If you have any tears you will shed them to see the large number of people suffering from various diseases huddled together like cattle in the verandahs. So when His Highness the Maharaja's Government is trying to help the poor suffering people, it is not proper to withhold that assistance in any manner. I wish to say one word about experts being provided for in all mofussil hospitals and dispensaries. It is impossible for any Government to keep a very large number of experts in all subjects. If you want every school to be made a college and in every school economics and chemistry should be taught, that will be clearly impossible. Nor can you have eminent surgeons and eminent physicians in all hospitals. As the name goes, there is only one General Hospital in Travancore and it functions for the benefit of the whole State. I do not want to make a longer speech, but I wish to impress upon the House that the proposal made by the Government is a very important one and merits a careful consideration.

Now I put the motion to the vote of the House.

The motion was put to the vote of the House and carried.

The demand was granted.

DEMAND XVII—PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 200 under Demand XVII—Public Health and Sanitation. This small amount is intended as the pay of the Entomological Assistant proposed to be entertained in the Public Health Laboratory for two months towards the end of this year. Honourable members know that the Public Health Laboratory was till recently under the charge of an expert Entomologist whose services were lent to this Government by the Government of Bengal. That gentleman, after submitting his report on the investigations he conducted, has severed his connection. The work he started has not been completed and ought to be continued, for which a substitute has to be appointed. Government could have, if they wanted, retained his services for a longer period. But in consideration of the high salary he was drawing, Government decided to terminate his services and revert him to his substantive appointment in Bengal and to appoint a less paid officer in his place to carry on the work that he started. Government have accordingly selected a Zoology M. A. with Honours and have promised to appoint him as Entomological Assistant on condition that he would get himself trained in the Laboratory Technique for three months in the Institute at Kasauli and for a month in Bombay. The training is to be undertaken at his own cost. When he returns, Government will appoint him as Entomological Assistant on a pay of Rs. 100 rising to Rs. 175. The minimum pay is Rs. 100 and he may have to be entertained from the beginning of Edavam. For Edavam and Mithunam he has to be paid Rs. 200. It is for this purpose that the Government have come to the House with this demand of Rs. 200.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Is there anybody in charge of this work now?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is somebody there who simply keeps things going. He does not do any work. He will not be able to continue the work which Mr. M. O. T. Aiyangar started. The laboratory is there and the young man attends to the cleaning of the apparatus and other valuable articles in the institution.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Is the new man appointed expected to carry on the work that has been started and finished by Mr. Aiyangar?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Mr. M. O. T. Aiyangar started and finished certain investigations and sent his report to Government. But the Government feel that there are more diseases to be investigated and they want a young Zoology graduate, rather an M. A., to be trained in the work he is expected to carry on and which Mr. Aiyangar left unfinished.